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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Application of : **GEIST et al.**

Serial No.: 09/605,334

: Group Art Unit: 2123

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: Examiner: Thomas H. Stevens

For : IDENTIFICATION OF MISSING PROPERTIES IN MODEL
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March 28, 2005

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to an Official Action dated December 29, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks. This application contains claims 1-32, all of which were rejected in the Official Action. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the remarks that follow.

Claims 7-9 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness in the use of the word "associated." In this regard, the Examiner cited MPEP 2173.05(d), which relates to exemplary claim